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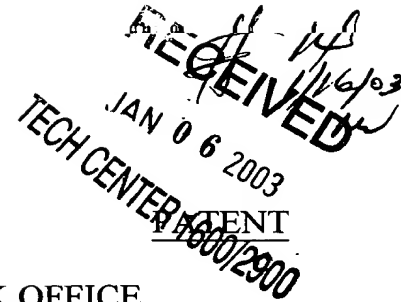
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In response to the Patent Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please enter the following in the above-identified patent application:

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, claims 1-7 were examined with the result that all claims were rejected. In response, Applicant submits the following comments. In view of these comments, reconsideration of this application is requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious in view of DeLuca et al U.S. Patent 4,338,312 and/or DeLuca et al U.S. Patent 4,110,446. It appears to be the Examiner's position that Applicant's method as set forth in claim 1 is obvious for two reasons: (1) the '312 and '446 patents provide motivation to one